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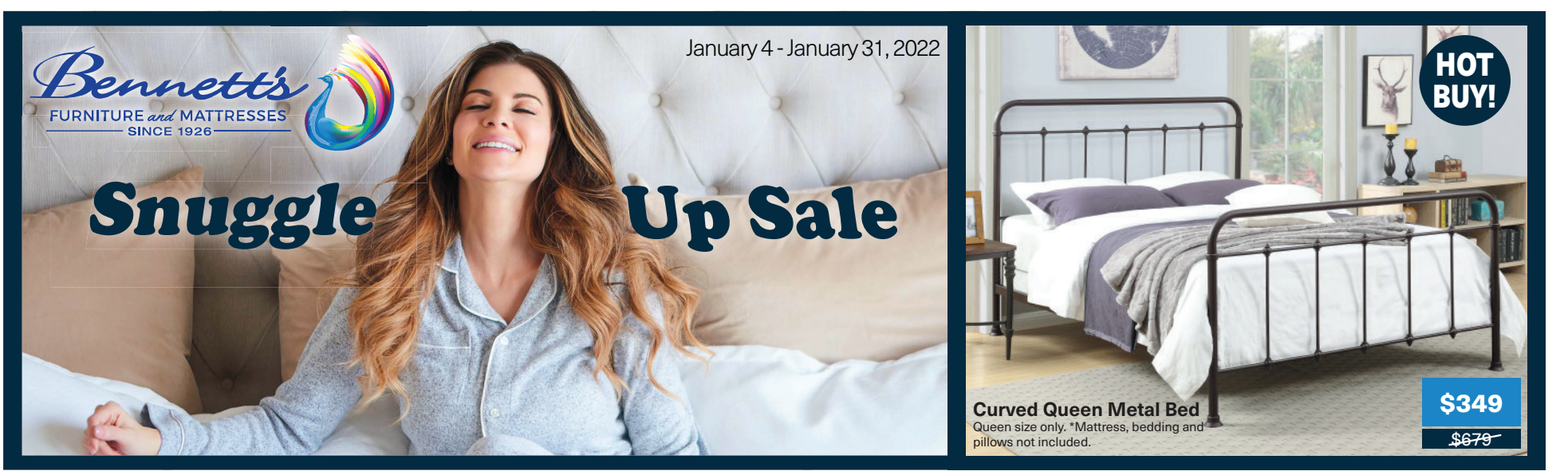
It was hockey day in the Highlands on Saturday, Jan. 8 on Kashagawigamog Lake. Conditions were ideal for ice hockey, as the ice was hard, the air crisp and sun shone (albeit briefly). Winter activities are picking up across the Highlands. This includes ice skating, ice fishing, and Nordic skiing (on groomed trails and ungroomed trails). /DARREN LUM Staff



Ice fishing electronics: game changer

STEVE GALEA
Outdoors

Anglers examine an ice fishing flasher unit to ascertain what's going on in the water column below. /Photo credit Jenn Watt

There are two types of ice anglers. Those who fish without any idea of what's happening below the ice. These people drill a hole at a particular location, often based on past experience, and wait patiently for fish to arrive. They have no idea if fish are below until they feel a bite.

Then, there are those who aren't content with relying on blind faith. Those anglers want to know what's happening below. So, they use ice fishing electronics.

The terrific trio

Ice fishing electronics come in three major forms: sonar units, flasher units, and underwater cameras. Some units have sonar/flasher capabilities.

As you would expect, underwater cameras provide live video so the angler can see any fish, bait or lure that passes its lens. They also let you know if the bottom is rocky, weedy, sandy, or boulder strewn, and most indicate water temperature and the depth too. This can help you decide if you're fishing over the right place for the species you're targeting.

If nothing else, they provide exciting glimpses into the underwater world and how fish are reacting to your offerings in real time. With a good underwater camera unit, there is no guess work about what's below.

Sonar units and flashers, on the other hand, divulge depth, water temperature, where fish are swimming in the water column below, fish size, and where your lure is. They indicate bottom structure, vegetation, and how fish are reacting to your baits or lures.

They present this information differently on their screens, however. Flashers show what's happening in real time on a relatively simple screen. Sonar units have slight, alm ost imperceptible delays on the information imparted, but also show history of what happened on the screen, which can be helpful.

In either case, you interpret marks representing fish as they appear in the water column and can see how they react to your offerings. This is key because if you know fish are there but refusing your lures or bait, you can adjust how you present them. You can either speed up or slow down your jigging, let the bait or lure hang, or incite a chase by reeling it to the surface quickly. And, if that fails, you can tie on new lures until you find something they like.

The bells and whistles

Those are the basic functions, but there are other great options too. One of the first features you should consider is a built-in GPS. This allows you to mark good spots and return to them. Many units also have lake mapping capabilities so you can actually see the contour of a lake's bottom, which can help you focus on prime locations such as underwater humps, flats or other features that fish gravitate to. These options help you learn a lake quickly.

Are these extra features worth it? That's up to you. But before buying, do your homework and check out videos online to see how the unit you are considering works and determine if it is compatible to how and where you fish. Pay particular attention to the transducer to determine if it is best for the water depths you fish. The transducer unit is the part of your sonar or flasher that hangs in the water in your ice fishing hole and broadcasts the sonar beam downward in a cone much like a flashlight beam. It also receives the signal after it has bounced off of objects and that information, once processed, shows up on your screen. Generally speaking, in shallower water a wider cone is better and in deeper water a narrow cone is preferred.

Using them

To make the most of ice-fishing electronics, you need to be mobile. That means moving to a new fishing hole as soon as your electronics confirms there are no fish below. One proven method is to drill many holes right away and then take your sonar unit or flasher to each hole for a minute or two. Then, only start fishing once fish are marked. When you are using your electronics in this way, you'll probably spend more time searching and less time fishing than you are used to. But when you drop a line, the odds are better that you are dropping it on fish. Which is to say, they ensure you won't be wasting time in fishless places.

Ultimately, it leads to more excitement – and fish on the ice.

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Get to know the Huskies: Nick Athanasaskos

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to *County Life*

When the 2021-22 season got underway, many of the players were established veterans with a few seasons of playing under their belt. However, for a lot of Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) players they are first year rookies.

One of the rookies shining for the Haliburton County Huskies is forward Nick Athanasaskos. With a total of 13 points (five goals and nine assists), Athanasaskos has been a welcome addition to the Huskies offence with his numbers putting him in the top five for points on the roster.

Starting his junior career with the Toronto Red Wings of the Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), Athanasaskos was originally going to be playing for the Prince George Spruce Kings of the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL). However, his plans to go out west were foiled by the pandemic. However, that didn't stop him from pursuing his hockey dreams elsewhere.

"I was originally supposed to start my hockey career in Prince George," Athanasaskos said. "It didn't end up working out, so I made a few calls and coach Ryan Ramsay really wanted me to come to the Huskies. I said, yes, and it's been going really well, so I'm happy I made the decision."

With the team being based in a small community, most of the players billet as opposed to living at home. This has allowed the players to spend more time together, a small detail which has helped the team perform even better on ice.

Athanasaskos believes this is the closest he has been with any hockey team he has ever played on, and this has helped his game grow exponentially.

"As a team we like to hang out with each other outside of the rink," Athanasaskos added. "This is the closest I've been with any hockey team I've played with and I think the closeness of our group translates to our one-ice success. We know everything about each other. We are a group of brothers who trust and believe in each other."

Hockey has always been in his blood since he was young, starting to play the game at the age of three after watching his older sister play. After some initial pushback from him, as young kids tend to do when first learning to skate, Athanasaskos fell in love with the game and never looked back.

Haliburton County Huskies forward Nick Athanasaskos has dreams of playing for an American university. / FILE DARREN LUM Staff

"When I was about three I saw my older sister playing hockey," Athanasaskos said. "I got really upset because I really wanted to play, I told my parents and they bought me some skates. The first couple times I hated [it] and kept crying, but my parents let me get a few go's at it and I fell in love with the game."

When on the ice, Athanasaskos wears a rather unconventional number: that being No. 91. Hailing from Markham, Ontario, a suburb of Toronto, the area has produced some top hockey stars in both Europe and the NHL. Some notable hockey players being Gillian Apps, Bob Beckett and hockey broadcasters Joe Bowen and James Duthie have all called Markham their home at some point.

However, the most famous name is Athanasaskos' hockey hero and the man who he chose to emulate in picking the number on his back in honour of: two-time Stanley Cup champion Steven Stamkos.

"I grew up in Markham, so I kinda looked up to Steven Stamkos," Athanasaskos explained. "I had the choice to pick my number and luckily No. 91 was available. With Steven Stamkos being one of my heroes I didn't hesitate to pick it and it's been pretty good to me so far."

Before the season postponement, the Huskies managed to rack up a record of 18-9-1-1 putting them second in the division, which is only two points behind first place Trenton. The season has been packed full of exciting moments for the team from big wins against Trenton and North York, to the team going on two separate five-plus game win streaks.

Athanasaskos offered some of his favourite memories from the first half of the season.

"We beat Trenton twice in their home rink," Athanasaskos said. "But we also have a lot of fun off ice. We like to go ice fishing and we are currently in the process of making an outdoor rink. Spending time with the guys especially on the bus ride home after a game is a memory that I will never forget.

With many players using the OJHL as a stepping stone for their next chapter, Athanasaskos hopes he can follow in the footsteps of many league players and sign an NCAA D1 (National Collegiate Athletic Association Division One) scholarship to play hockey for an American university.

"My dream is to earn an NCAA D1 scholarship," said Athanasaskos. "I still got two years or so to go but I've wanted this not just for hockey but for the education side a well. I'm really interested in psychology so I'd love to become a therapist or a sports psychologist outside of hockey if my career ever does come to an end. I always keep that in the back of my mind but hockey is still something I want to pursue."

Earlier this season, Athanasaskos' teammate Oliver Tarr signed with Canisius College in Buffalo. Tarr is the first player from the team to sign a college deal. Athanasaskos still has a few more years left to play and he hopes during that time he can impress a lot of schools and improve every single season.

Working under coach Ramsay has been a great experience, whether a game is a win or loss there is always so much passion being put on display each night. Ramsay gave Athanasaskos a shot on the team and the Markham player isn't taking his chance for granted. Athyanasaskos is giving it his all every night to perform at the high level the coach expects.

"Coach Ramsay has been one of the biggest parts to our team's success this year," Athanasaskos said. "He is a coach who is really passionate and it really fuels the rest of the guys on the team. You can really see that he wants to win and that energy is pushed on to us, as a team we are really competitive and having Ryan as a coach he really knows what he is talking about and we learn a lot."

For Athanasaskos, his experience in Haliburton County has been one he will never forget. While the season isn't over, he already hopes to return to the team next season. His on-ice play has been some of the best of his career, but Athanasakos does have a very special hidden talent off the ice.

"I can solve a Rubik's Cube in about 58 seconds," Athanasaskos said. "So that is one interesting thing that I think most of the fans here don't know yet."

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Volunteers have been out working on on snowmobile trails throughout Haliburton County this winter, getting them ready for the season. Wind storms have knocked down trees along many trails, making this year's preparations more challenging. Submitted photos

Snowmobile trails "built on the backs of volunteers"

STEPHEN PETRICK
Special to *County Life*

The snow, so far this season, isn't sprinkling down on us the way it usually does and the ruins of recent wind storms are evident in our woods. But in recent weeks volunteers have been mobilizing and chainsaws have been humming. Trails are being cleared and snow is being packed in the right places.

Even in this strange season, characterized by shutdowns and wacky weather, there's hope for a proper snowmobile season. The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) is determined to make it happen.

The massive job of clearing the 370 kilometres of trails that the HCSA oversees got underway during the holiday period, with help from partner organizations. For instance, photos have popped up on social media of the Haliburton ATV (HATV) Association members in snowsuits sawing fallen trees that had blocked tracks on rough terrain. Another group helping out is the neighbouring club, the Paudash Trail Blazers.

"The HATV has been nothing short of fabulous in helping us," said John Enright, president of the HCSA. "It's been a very, very difficult year; we've had two wind storms – big ones.

We've had to get out and clear dozens and dozens of trials."

These storms, coupled with the only ankle-level snow, have meant a delay in the start to the snowmobile season – normally, there's enough snow to make trails usable by early January. But the association is doing what it can to prepare and hoping that a few more snowfalls add to the snow coverage on the ground. The season goes for as long as Mother Nature allows. "We'd snowmobile in July if we could," Enright said.

Of the 370 kilometre of trails, 80 kilometres of it include trails that cross lakes, meaning volunteers have to go out and check the safety of the lake and put up markers. That work has also begun, Enright said. It's volunteers, like the ones willing to do these jobs, who make the season possible.

"We probably have a crew of 30 people who do different things, everything from social media [posting] to bushwhacking, whatever it takes."

This season is a milestone year for the association, as it's celebrating 50 years of grooming local trails to help snowmobilers bask in the beauty of the county. The HCSA was also recently named the snowmobile club of the year by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs; an award that recognizes its work in not only maintaining trails but also in helping with the local economy and the community with its charity work.

There are obvious economic benefits to having the snowmobile season up and running; a 2019 report by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs said that snowmobiling tourism generates $2.5 million for the food and beverage industry yearly in Haliburton County and another $1.2 million is spent on accommodations.

But the activity also generates a deep love for the outdoors, and an opportunity to spend time with other riders.

"There isn't a better social activity anywhere," Enright said. "It's all outdoors."

He said winter enthusiasts love snowmobile season as much as snowbirds might love a beach in Cancun.

"There are lots of folks who like to celebrate winter and see Haliburton like never before. Where else can you see a trail older than Canada or ride through Ontario's old famous provincial park on a designated snowmobile trail, check out an abandoned rail line, see a whitewater preserve? It's here [in Haliburton] and every club in Ontario has its own special spots."

To ride on a snowmobile trail, a snowmobiler must purchase a permit. However, that permit gives access to more than 30,000 kilometres of trails within the entire Ontario system.

Within Haliburton County, that includes routes like Trail 112, which travels through Minden and the barren lands further north, or Trail 103, which travels through the village of Haliburton and ventures south to connect with the Kawartha Lakes region.

The association also offers driver training programs and special snow tours, all in the interest of getting people out and enjoying an activity that's long been a hallmark of Haliburton County, with its tall pines and pristine lakes.

But none of it happens without the work of those who are willing to get the trails ready each winter.

"The entire Ontario snowmobile trail network is built on the backs of volunteers," Enright said.

For more information on the HCSA visit hcsa.ca. Those who click on the "volunteer" tab can fill out a form that shows what skills they have to contribute.

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Ice racers ready to slide into new season

This year's Kin Club Ice races is returning this year, after having taken a pause in 2021. During their Jan. 13 meeting, the Township of Minden Hills Council made the decision to move forward with events at the Minden Fairgrounds, including the ice races. The move comes in response to the province's return to a modified Stage Two response to the ongoing pandemic, which was also in place in its original form this time last year. Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said that keeping things open would be beneficial for mental health, and that, as long as all participants adhered to mitigation techniques like social distancing, there was no reason to stop outdoor events like the ice races.

This marks the return of a tradition that dates back to the late 1970s. It was then that the Kin Club built a local track, knowing that it would lure ice racing enthusiasts from across the province. Previously, ice racing was mostly done on frozen lakes, which was not exactly safe.

Now ice racing has become an almost annual (and weather dependent) tradition in Minden. The only other ice racing track in Ontario is in Thunder Bay, meaning the Minden Fairgrounds track is the only track in southern Ontario for racing enthusiasts.

Ice racing events were cancelled last year, as Ontario's battle with the pandemic worsened. This year, the Canadian Automobile Sport Club, which runs ice racing programs with the Kin Club, is hoping to start on the weekend of Feb. 5-6. It would be a five-week series, meaning the last weekend would be March 5-6. It had been scheduled to start Jan. 15-16 weekend.

Before the Minden Hills decision, members of the racing community were preparing to start the season, said Minden Kin Club President Andy Rickard.

"We're extremely excited; it's very important for us as a club and as a community," said Rickard, in an interview that took place before the Step Two announcement. "The economic impact of ice racing is huge."

He said each ice racing day usually draws about 70 racers, from several different areas of the single racers and their families then stay in local hotels and eat at local restaurants.

Rickard said organizers feel they can pull the events off, even amid some COVID-related restrictions, because ice racing events don't draw a lot of spectators; it's usually mostly participants and family members at the events. Registration will be online and even officials are spaced out along the track, so the events can run without breaking any social distancing rules.

While everyday citizens may associate ice with dangerous driving conditions, Rickard explained that ice racing is actually considered one of the safest versions of auto racing. That's because the ice often doesn't allow drivers to accelerate to a level where they're at risk of a serious crash. Ice racing tracks are also mandated to have snow banks on their borders, which offer more flexible padding than an average wall.

The sport is also loved by racing enthusiasts because it's an ultimate test of driving talent.

"In many forms of racing, the ones with the most money can go the fastest," said Rickard.

But that's not so in ice racing. Adding horsepower to a vehicle won't help. It's more important for drivers to know how their tires will handle the turns.

"It's all about how much you can get away with," Rickard added. "It's very much about driver skill."

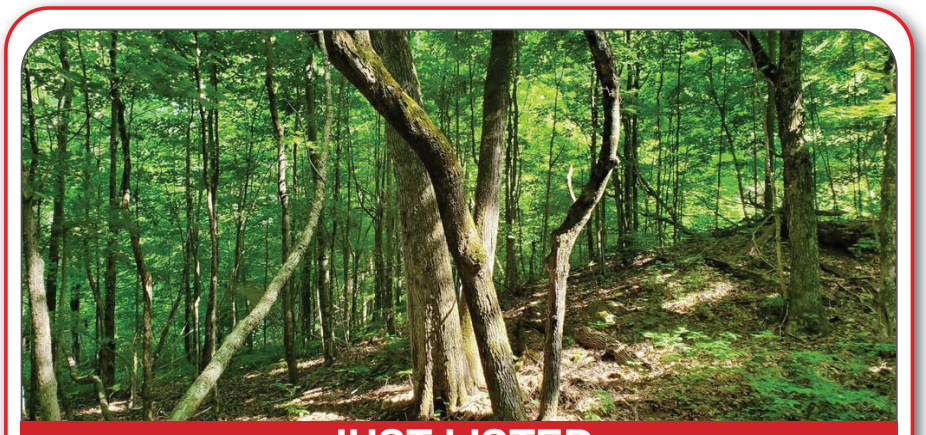
The sport is also less expensive than other types of racing. Most vehicles used in racing are stock vehicles that have been modified for competition, not unlike how old clunkers are stripped down and prepared for summer demolition derbies. There are classes of races for those using rubber snow tires and those using studded snow tires.

The sport has been around for so long, locally, that now there are families with multiple generations competing. In some cases, they can share the same car for separate races. There are also now programs to help people learn about ice driving, before competing in an actual race, Rickard said.

"It's something that anyone can do. You don't have to be an experienced race car driver by any means."

For more information on ice racing, including the registration and schedule details, visit www.casc.on.ca.

by Stephen Petrick, with files from Nick Bernard



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The fire within only needs a spark

IF YOU'RE anything like millions of other people in this world, you have likely worked from home at least once or twice over the past three years. Working from home is great for a multitude of reasons. You get unlimited snacks. You don't have to wear pants. You cement your hypothesis that your dog is in actuality your true best friend, and you finally realize that your cats actually don't really like you. This is fine. Everything is fine.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Special to County Life

From a personal perspective, one thing that has taken a hit over the past few years is my own movement. Unless you call minor anxiety attacks and doom-scrolling a "workout" then I am pretty sure I have reached next-level couch potato.

With this being said, I'd like to note that this is totally okay. Dear Millennials (and anyone else reading this): you are still in the process of surviving a global pandemic. The world feels heavy, life feels overwhelming, and there is information coming at us faster than you can say, "Mark Zuckerberg." It's a new world, and we're just livin' in it.

It's okay if all you did over the past few years was survive. You did it, and that's important.

For me, personally, when the first page opened on the book of 2022, I decided I wanted to move a little more. I had no idea what I wanted that to look like, but I sure as heck wanted to try.

So, in classic millennial fashion, when faced with something I did not know, and the inevitable prospect of feeling overwhelmed; I spent two-hours Googling different variations of "working out for beginners", took a nap, drank a glass of wine, binge-watched the television show, Schitt's Creek, and went to bed.

Needless to say, I was prepared to file "moving for my health and wellness" to my list of things I am interested in but had no capacity to follow through with. Classic.

But the next day, I woke up with a spark still lit inside me. There wasn't a fire inside. Not yet. I wasn't raring to go, but I was slightly less than ambivalent, which in millennial terms is essentially a blood oath to follow-through.

For the past few weeks, I have done small things. Ten to 40 minutes of yoga every day. Walking the dog a few times a day (he is equally as confused as I am but has not yet questioned my motives). I even dusted off the stationary bike in the basement. Expert tip: if you watch trashy TV while on said-bike, you will be motivated to actually do it. For all you home-schooling parents and people whose spouses do not appreciate trashy TV, this is for you.

Movement doesn't need to look like the way it does on social media. You don't need top-of-the-line athletic clothes. You don't need equipment. You don't need expensive supplements. You just need to show up. All those people who you admire on social media for being dedicated to their health and wellness begun their journey by waking up one day and decided to start. Every story has a beginning.

If you're stuck on where to start, there are many options right here in the Haliburton Highlands. Just Movement Fitness is offering a series of online workout classes. Harmony Yoga has virtual yoga classes. There are a variety of hiking trails to just get out on your own, such as the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, Snowden Park, and the Sculpture Forest.

There are opportunities to do things if you just want to move. At the risk of sounding like a motivational fridge-magnet, I can confirm that moving your body really does wake up your spirit and your soul. In this time of hibernation, it's so important to light that spark inside you, and, even if it's not a full-blown flame, a little spark can go a long way.

Top 10 reasons relationships don't work out

SOME RELATIONSHIPS are made in heaven. Some are made in a folk festival Porta-Potty line up. Sadly, no matter where the relationship first blooms or how much effort goes into it, there are some things that are just dealbreakers. I'm talking about irreconcilable issues that are just too difficult for both people to overcome. Here are 10 reasons why relationships don't work out.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Too much use of the "I'm with stupid" tee shirt.
2. Sleepboxing.
3. Annual family reunions at the nudist camp.
4. 86 cats.
5. Both people need to be passionate about yodeling.
6. The realization that there is only room for one in the bomb shelter.
7. That damn panda bear suit.
8. You went and said, "It's either that cat or me."
9. Major disagreement on how to pronounce tomato.
10. Your partner always says the first thing that comes to mind but hasn't spoken in a week.

Sideways snow

Still through time eternal snow directly falls
from cloud
Sheaths the fields and rooftops, caps the forest ancient-proud
Sometimes pretty whimsies of the wind toss
flakes about
Tumbles even upwards, fluff and crystals
spilling out

Catching sun in prisms, blowing dandelions of ice
Choreography in random beauty imprecise
Like a children's globe of glass, sweet landscape
shrunk within
Wonderland seems waltzing to a winter violin

If I study long enough as flurry alternates
Making small tornadoes plus whatever
breeze
dictates
I might spot a horizontal bias to the flow
And for seconds witness quirk of strangely
sideways snow

When it stripes the cedars, pines and beeches
strong and old
Falling for the spectacle, I overlook the cold
White-blue-black of season lingers here more than the south
Puts allegiance in my heart and music in my mouth

Deborah J Reed

Mirror

Crows scrolling across snow-coloured Sky,
their caws dripping into the River below,
black as their wings, reflecting pines and patches of Sky.
I stand on the riverbank amongst the scratches of trees,
peering down at the membrane of ice, frozen along its edges,
like lacework,
clambering down the bank to tap a boot on the crust of ice to
see whether it cracks,
but its skin is so hardened, it doesn't budge,
trapping River sludge beneath its surface.
I wonder what remains trapped inside me, what can't
break free,
as I squat on a rock, listening to the River breathe,
gurgles of water slipping over rocks,
Sky light polishing parts of the River to a silver sheen,
as I pick up a few pebbles and pelt the River,
their plink drowning the screeches of crows,
perched somewhere in the bare branches of trees,
their bickering pockmarking Air.
I stare across the river, into the tangle of trees,
snow cloaking the debris of last year's leaves,
layers of them crumpled on the forest floor, shrivelled beneath
the Snow.
I throw more pebbles into the River,
one of them hitting the skin of ice,
as I wonder what has calloused over within me,
how it can soften, how it can thaw,
the caws of crows chafing the hardened thing frozen
inside me,
as I glance up at the blankness of this new year's Sky,
its light, pure as milk, spilling onto Snow,
glazing the black mirror of River,
reflecting the gloss of Snow and the silhouettes of pines,
reaching into the River,
towards the silt where the pebbles lay nestled in their riverbed,
undisturbed by the screeches of crows and the blare of the
world swirling above them,
only the sound of a stone piercing the surface,
sinking towards the stillness
sleeping below.

Sylvie Kalenda

Letter to the Editor

Snowmobile trail not for walking

To the Editor,

As a local history buff, I enjoyed Janet Trull's piece in last week's County Life, *Rail Trail, a path to the past*. I collect books on pioneer and railway history. They're available in our Haliburton County Public Library. Ms Trull alludes to fascinating stories of hope and hardship, and the characters that inhabit them.

However, as chair of Friends of the Rail Trail, I must clarify a point Janet was unaware of – Haliburton County Rail Trail (HCRT) is not the place to walk or bike in winter! It's for snowmobiles from Dec. 1 through to the end of March. The 34 kilometre abandoned railway corridor from Kinmount to Haliburton Village was purchased by the County in 1988 with the intention of creating a snowmobile trail.

The agreement forged then between "HCSA" – Haliburton County Snowmobile Association – and County ensured that the trail would be exclusively for snowmobile use in the winter. This is to foster public safety and reduce the risk of injury or liability to parties involved. The HCRT retains this policy to date and enjoys status as a TOP (Trans Ontario Provincial) Trail in the provincial snowmobile network and as a link to the popular RAP (Round Algonquin Park) adventure loop.

Please respect this snowmobile sole-use agreement and its accompanying County bylaw. Other places to walk or snowshoe in winter are the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust properties: the Dahl Forest and Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, Minden Hills' Snowdon Park, and Dysart's Glebe Park.

Come spring, the popular Sunday Rambles program welcomes all to explore rail trail history and nature on foot. Led by Friends of the Rail Trail every Sunday in April and May, each one features a different section of of the Haliburton County Rail Trail. Sometimes, we venture to that other local rail trail, the IB&O out of Tory Hill. But that's another story.

Pamela Marsales,
Chair, Friends of the Rail Trail
(FoRT)

Cascade

Ice cascading down the faces of rocks,
dangling like fangs from the flanks of boulders,
these frozen waterfalls, jagged blades of ice that my fingers skate along,
their tips breaking off in my hand,
as I stand on the shoulder of the road, gawking up at the
wall of boulders,
blanketed in glass, clumps of moss sealed in ice,
as my fingers slide over the smoothness, inhaling Air that scratches
as I swallow,
beneath a hollowed-out Moon,
the curved blade of light, gleaming white as the unsullied Snow,
an icicle, tiny as a tear, clinging to the branch of a sapling,
sprouting from the side of the road.
I follow the road alongside the wall of ice and stone,
towards the sound of water rushing in my ears.
Louder, still louder, 'till I reach a bridge,
glimmering with lights that blink like stars.
I peer down at the waterfall tumbling over rocks,
the surge of water that quiets to a flow as it slips into the River below,
lights painting the water ruby and blue,
the sickle of Moon, gleaming above,
as I stand, suspended in time, on the steel bridge,
listening to this winter waterfall, lights glowing all around me,
snaking silver along the branches of trees,
like frozen water flowing through Air.
My eyes widen with glee as they drink in this forest of twinkling trees,
the cascade of lights that bathes the River in a magic blue,
so I barely notice the cold stinging my nose, searing my bones,
peering into the water, frozen and flowing,
the lights swathing me in a shawl of warmth,
as night sprawls across Sky and Snow.
I turn to walk back along the road,
the rush of the waterfall receding,
replaced by the quiet of ice cloaking moss,
and the curved blade of Moon
carving light onto Snow.

Sylvie Kalenda

Ode to a Toad

BELINDA GALLAGHER
Garden Musings

MINUS 33 C Celsius is not a temperature conducive to a walk in the garden. Even our dog, Brit, who loves the great outdoors, tried to lift all four feet at the same time in order to protect her tender paws. At that very moment, my cellphone pinged a notification in the form of a photo taken last fall.

This daily reminder of good times past seemed particularly insightful, even for an iPhone. The picture was a close-up of cold-sensitive perennial plant, Tricyrtis hirta, commonly called toad lily. The toad lily is a very, very late-bloomer, typically October, and is often struck down by frost, snow, freezing rain or all of the above just as the buds appear.

2021 treated us to a long and mild autumn so I was able to snap a few frames of the clean, mid-green foliage and the most unusual flower clusters sporting purple spots on a creamy white background.

A long-lived perennial, this clump came with us to Haliburton 10 years ago – a small piece of the original plant purchased in 1994. Do you remember the mid 1990s and early 2000s when unusual perennials from around the world became all the rage? The frenzy was partly due to the arrival of the Home, Lawn and Garden Channel (now HGTV) and the inaugural *Canada Blooms* garden show.

At that time, HGTV network and local television stations alike included many shows about plants and gardens. *The Canadian Gardener* with David Tarrant comes quickly to mind as does Kathy Renwald's *Gardener's Journal*. Novice and seasoned gardeners swarmed to nurseries to purchase the latest touted rarity. Blue Himalayan poppies, giant chartreuse 'Sum and Substance' hosta and the aforementioned toad lily topped many a gardener's must-have lists.

All these years later, I still refer to my dog-eared, 1998 copy of *Heritage Perennials 'Perennial Gardening Guide* by John M. Valleau (3rd edition) to learn more about the toad lily and many other rare and unusual plants.

"Unique but easy plant for shady areas," writes Valleau. He doesn't mention that the plant, native of the Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu islands of Japan, typically grows on shady rocks in the native habitat and prefers consistent moisture. Most references suggest a hardiness rating of Zone 5, but I have found it perfectly hardy in our Tory Hill, Zone 4 garden.

A ten-year evaluation of the genus Tricyrtis, conducted from 1990 to 1999 at the Chicago Botanic Garden, earned this species a four-star (good) rating including a resistance to deer damage. I can't attest to that fact since I am fortunate to escape most browsing at my site. Not to mention that the deer would probably devour the hostas long before getting to the toad lily.

While the loonie-sized blooms atop arching 60 to 80 centimetre stems are abundant, I recommend planting toad lily clumps close to the front of a border. You need to get up close and personal with the plant to see the intricacy of the blooms and the bristly stems and buds that give the plant it's botanical epithet 'hirta' meaning rough or hairy.

Eastern American toad.

Toad lilly. /Photos submitted by Belinda Gallagher

The common name, I assume, relates to the similarity of the spots and blotches to those on a toad and to the wart-like sacs at the base of the outer petals. Some think it is an ugly nickname, but I don't mind since I find toads quite beautiful, too.

This plant is in the lily family, and is closely related to the spring-flowering tulips and fritillary, summer-flowering hosta and our native wildflowers - trout lily and Solomon's seal. All are good companion plants for the toad!

Recently, I was asked to define a perennial plant. While answering, it dawned on me that there might be readers who are beginning their gardening experience. Over the next few months, I will be clearing up some of the mysteries in a series called Plants 101. I hope you can join me.

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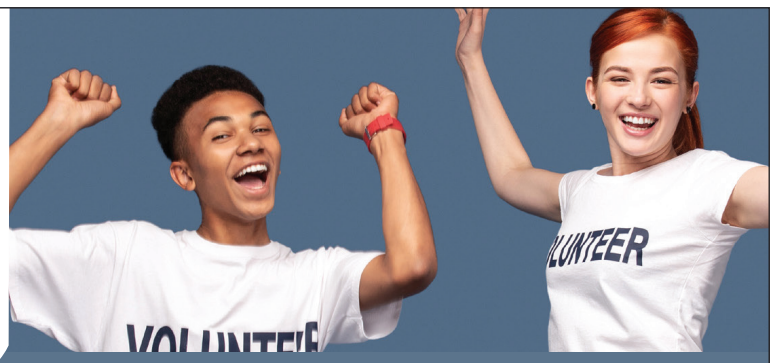

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The staff at Point and Time are aware that school closures and lockdowns can be very stressful for families and youth. As an essential service, we are continuing to provide ongoing supports to the community.

Connectivity Campaign

The Connectivity Campaign initially launched last year will continue through 2022. The Connectivity Campaign supports Point in Time in offering (based on availability) phones and plans which provide enough data for both online learning and virtual supports for youth. For connectivity supports for children aged birth to 11, please contact the office at 705-457-5345 or for ages 12 to 29, contact the Haliburton County Youth Hub at 705-457-2727.

We continue to fundraise to be able to help with Connectivity Supports for youth in Haliburton County. These supports are especially important during school closures. We welcome donations through our website: www.pointintime.ca. Point in Time is a charitable organization and donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

The following programs and supports are continuing or newly available in January:

Crisis Service

We are open for crisis calls from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and work with another agency, at 310 COPE, to provide after hours coverage. We work together to ensure there is around-the-clock crisis supports. For after hours crisis support, please call or text 310-COPE at 1-855-310-2673.

Mindfulness Martial Arts

Starting Jan. 18, we will be offering an in-person Mindfulness Martial Arts Program for youth aged 12 to 18. Space is limited, medical grade filtration will be in place, additional ventilation through opening windows. This program combines mindfulness, martial arts (non-contact), and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to increase self regulation and coping. For more information or to register, contact Melanie Jones at 705-457-5345 ext. 317 or melaniej@pointintime.ca.

Dialectical Behaviour Therapy Group

We are offering a Dialectical Behaviour Therapy Group for youth aged 15 to 19 seeking support to control emotions and behaviours, and to build a life worth living. The program starts on Jan. 19, 2022 and goes for 12 weeks. It will be held in person with enhanced COVID-19 safety precautions in place. This group is now closed but we will run another group once complete. Please contact Mary Sisson, Youth Wellness Hub Manager, 705-457-2727 or marys@pointintime.ca for more information.

Counselling and Mental Health Supports

We are continuing to offer mental health and counselling supports through a number of ways: in person at our offices or youth hub and virtually via Zoom or by phone. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and appointments are available as needed after hours as well.

We offer Quick Access Clinics where individuals or families can book appointments as needed, typically within a couple of weeks, by calling 705-457-5345 or texting 705-854-0576 to set up an appointment.

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We are continuing to support children with exceptional needs through individualized supports to children, youth and families. Supports include respite, strategies, and case management, and connections to other supports and services.

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Infant Massage

Infant Massage will be starting virtually on Jan. 7 for infants, who are newborns to 12 months old. Register through EarlyON – email registration@oeyc.ca or call 705-324-7900.

Youth Hub Update

Staff continue to see youth face-to-face, by phone or Zoom for scheduled appointments. Our nurse practitioner, mental health and addictions counsellor, peer support worker, individual placement and support worker, and care coordinator are available for face-to-face meetings at the Hub. Staff are also available to see youth in the community and can provide outreach supports. Youth who need space to do homework or just get out and relax are encouraged to text 705-306-5199 or call 705- 457-2727 to connect with someone at the Hub.

We continue to run our mobile share and care in Cardiff, Wilberforce, Minden and Dorset and are available to deliver/drop off food, resources, laundry money/supplies, gas cards, etc. Take home art kits are being developed and we will be partnering with the John Howard Society to provide cooking kits and classes. Check out our Instagram @Halicountyyouthhub to keep up to date on our supports and activities, including an upcoming Dungeons & Dragons virtual activity!

Thank you!

Staff and board members at Point in Time sincerely thanks community members and agency partners that helped contribute to creating a memorable Christmas for many families in our area this past holiday season. Your generous donations are always appreciated!

- submitted by Point in Time staff

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Local Landmark Mystery

Local Landmark reveal: the Sawyer in the village of Stanhope on North Shore Road. The Sawyer is one of many installations in the Haliburton Highlands commemorating the importance of the logging industry, and the settlement and economic development of this area. Standing 14-feet tall, the Sawyer was created by Andy Hillo, a prolific and skilled multi-media artist. It is one of the most unique photo-ops in the Haliburton Highlands, designed specifically so that a visitor can pose as if they are holding the other end of the huge crosscut saw that is halfway through a large log. A visit to the Sawyer is just one reason to explore the Stanhope area. There are several hiking trails in the area as well as a lovely park with a shaded picnic area./FILE DARREN LUM Staff

Mixed metal creation

The following are images of a local landmark. Try to guess what the landmark is and see in next week's County Life for the reveal. Concept and images from Thom Lambert, who has informative posts about things to see and do in the Highlands through Myhaliburtonhighlands on Instagram. /Submitted by Thom Lambert

Wonderful winter scenes

Above, Tammy Nash submitted this image of a pine marten, who she calls Dean [Martin], close to her home in Algonquin Highlands.

Left, Nash characterized the depiction seen here close to her Algonquin Highlands residence, as part of the "gifts of snow" on Jan. 6.

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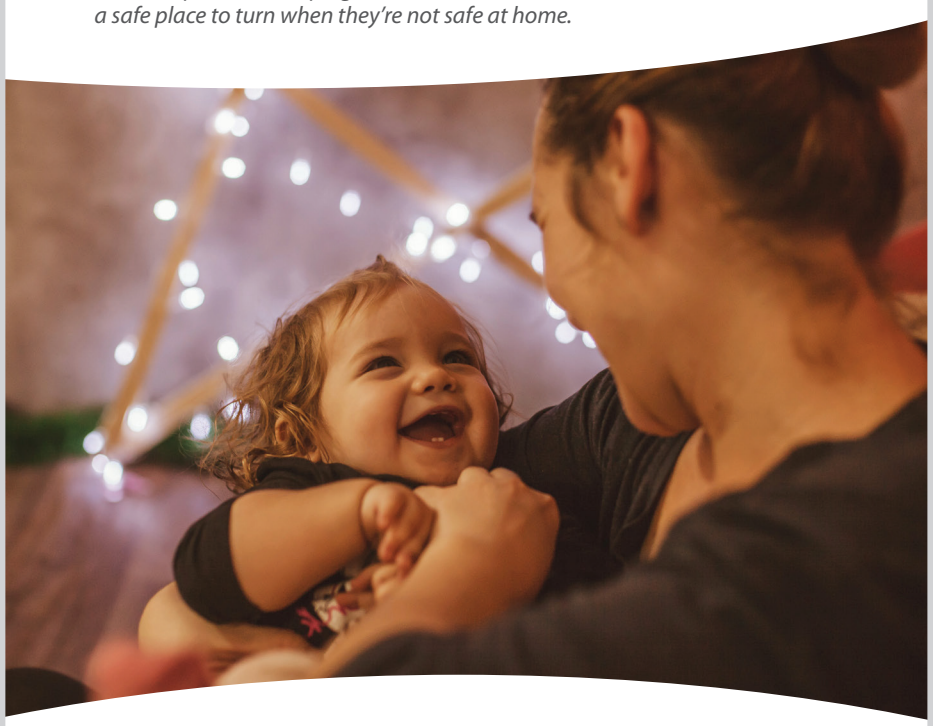

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So as the curtain closes on the Photo Contest it rises with renewed optimism that this year will see live theatre once again on the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Contest # 19 showed the cast of the 2019 production of Mary Poppins singing the never to be forgotten Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.

The winner of Contest # 19 is Laura Atkinson. Our box office will be touch to make arrangements for your tickets.

But before we go, we would like to say thank you everyone for playing the game. We know you enjoyed seeing the pictures from the 20 seasons of Highlands Summer Festival productions. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the theatre where we can make more memories again.

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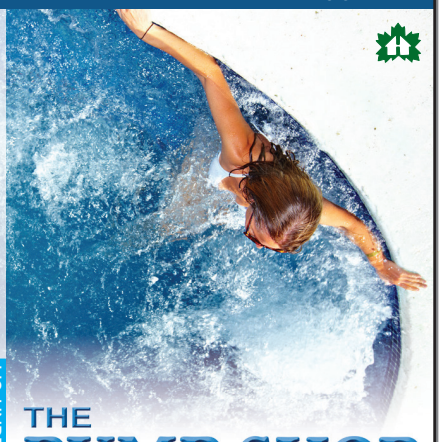
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Left, Highlander of the Year winner Scotty Morrison gets a hug from Highlander of the Year nominee Don Popple at the fifth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala held at the Pinestone Resort on Saturday, Jan. 15.

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Darren Lum Echo staff

Scotty Morrison Highlander of the Year

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

There was nothing but applause and laughter at the fifth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala held at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Thanks to the wit, at times biting, but sprinkled with innocence of the event's master of ceremonies Mike Jaycock the audience was often simultaneously laughing and cringing.

Despite Jaycock's repertoire of verbal skills, he could not bring the audience to its feet like this year's Highlander of the Year winner.

When Scotty Morrison was announced as this year's recipient of the award, he received a standing ovation at the gala organized by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

He was thankful and spoke slowly.

"When my dear wife was coming down with Alzheimer's and very good friends in Toronto said to me, 'Scotty, Joan is coming down with Alzheimer's and you're staying in Haliburton?' I said, 'I wouldn't think of going anywhere, but Haliburton and I believe that from the bottom of my heart ... if I'm required to be an ambassador for Haliburton then I'll give it everything I've got," he said of his wife who died two years ago. "Thank you again very, very much. This is something I will treasure forever."

The next day, Morrison explained his affection for Haliburton County stems from how much the area meant to his wife, as she was cared for so well by the people he refers to as "angels on earth" at

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